

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA
FLORENCE DIVISION

Charles Brown, Jr.,)	
)	C/A No. 4:08-2469-GRA
Petitioner,)	
)	
v.)	ORDER
)	(Written Opinion)
Warden of Lieber Correctional Institution,)	
)	
Respondent.)	
_____)	

This matter comes before the Court for a review of the magistrate's Report and Recommendation pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B), and Local Rule 73.02(B)(2)(c), D.S.C., filed on June 18, 2009. The plaintiff originally brought this habeas corpus petition pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254 on July 11, 2008. The respondent filed a Motion for Summary Judgment on November 11, 2008. The petitioner filed a response. The magistrate recommends dismissing the petition as moot or in the alternative granting summary judgment in favor of the respondent. For the reasons stated herein, this Court adopts the magistrate's Report and Recommendation.

Petitioner brings this claim *pro se*. This Court is required to construe *pro se* pleadings liberally. Such pleadings are held to a less stringent standard than those drafted by attorneys. *See Gordon v. Leeke*, 574 F.2d 1147, 1151 (4th Cir. 1978). This Court is charged with liberally construing a pleading filed by a *pro se* litigant to

allow for the development of a potentially meritorious claim. *See Boag v. MacDougall*, 454 U.S. 364, 365 (1982).

The magistrate makes only a recommendation to this Court. The recommendation has no presumptive weight, and responsibility for making a final determination remains with this Court. *Mathews v. Weber*, 423 U.S. 261, 270-71 (1976). This Court is charged with making a *de novo* determination of those portions of the Report and Recommendation to which specific objection is made, and this Court may "accept, reject, or modify, in whole or in part, the findings or recommendations made by the magistrate." 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). This Court may also "receive further evidence or recommit the matter to the magistrate with instructions." *Id.* In the absence of specific objections, this Court need not give a detailed explanation for adopting the recommendation. *Camby v. Davis*, 718 F.2d 198 (4th. Cir. 1983). The petitioner did not file any objections.

After reviewing the magistrate's Report and Recommendation, the plaintiff's motion, and the relevant case law, this Court finds that the magistrate applied sound legal principles to the facts of this case in arriving at his recommendation. Therefore, this Court adopts the magistrate's Report and Recommendation in its entirety.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT the petition be DISMISSED as moot.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



G. Ross Anderson, Jr.
Senior United States District Judge

July 15, 2009
Anderson, South Carolina

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

Pursuant to Rules 3 and 4 of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure, Plaintiff has the right to appeal this Order within thirty (30) days from the date of its entry. Failure to meet this deadline, as modified by Rule 4 of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure, **will waive the right to appeal.**